

FRENCH CRUISER AND 730 MEN WERE LOST

Battleship Suffren Goes Down With Loss of Entire Crew, Paris Admits

MINE OR U-BOAT SANK THE BATTLESHIP

Was One of Largest Men O' War in Command of French Admiralty

10,359,346 BALES
GINNED TO DEC. 1,
SAYS CROP REPORT

ALABAMA HAS GINNED 504,714
BALES, GOVERNMENT FIGURES
SHOW.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—A report issued by the census bureau today shows 10,359,346 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1916 to December 1, compared with 9,703,611 for 1915, and 13,073,386 for 1914. Round bales included this year are 177,652, compared with 93,351 for 1915. Sea Island included 101,620 for 1916, compared with 77,155 for 1915.
Ginning by states:
Alabama, 504,714; Georgia, 1,694,398; Louisiana, 420,575; Mississippi, 726,205; Tennessee, 318,086; Texas, 3,404,344; Virginia, 33,161; South Carolina, 832,141; Oklahoma, 743,875; North Carolina, 567,136.

Executive Committee of Member's Council

Named by President Patterson, F. A. Bloodworth is Chairman.

President Patterson of the members' council of the Albany Board of Commerce has named following executive committee of the council, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the recent meeting:
F. A. Bloodworth, chairman; J. H. Calvin, J. H. Crow, Lamar Penney, R. E. Chandler.
There will be no meeting of the members' council on next Monday evening, as the executive committee desires further time to work on the suggestions made at the last meeting. A meeting will be held at headquarters on Monday evening, Dec. 18, and every member of the council is requested to attend.

Two Local Cases By Supreme Court

The following decisions affecting North Alabamians have been handed down this week by the supreme court:
L. & N. Railroad Co. vs. Cora Kelly, appeal from Morgan county circuit court, reversed and remanded.
Tom LaDuke vs. John T. Barbee & Co., appeal from Morgan county law and equity court, affirmed.
Tony Wise, et al., vs. Tillie Sparks, appeal from Cullman circuit court, reversed and remanded.
J. P. Lockwood, et al., vs. Thompson & Buchmann, appeal from Cullman circuit court, affirmed.

CATCH FOUR 'POSSUMS.
Former City Alderman Young, Wooster Stinson, Jim Gunn and several other local men went 'possum hunting last night on Mason's Island. They caught four fine 'possums. While engaged in the hunt their dogs scented a fox and chased the wily animal for several miles, but did not catch him.

"Do Your Christmas Advertising Early"

Only 13 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

COMMISSION TAKES UP DRAINAGE IDEA FOR DRY CREEK AND EMPLOYS ENGINEER

QUICK ACTION TAKEN AT INSTANCE OF MEDICAL SOCIETY OF COUNTY.

WILL DEEPEN THE CHANNEL

UNSANITARY CONDITION IS CONDEMNED BY LOCAL PHYSICIANS.

An engineer will be employed within the next few days by Probate Judge William E. Skeggs and Commissioner J. A. Robinson to build a canal or straighten Dry creek, the stream that drains a large part of Decatur and Albany.
Authority to do this was given by a resolution passed yesterday by the county commissioners after the Morgan County Medical Society had complained through Dr. F. L. Chenault, chairman of the board of censors, of the unsanitary condition of the creek.

Cities Asked to Help.
The creek will be drained by the county from the city limits of Decatur to the Tennessee river. Judge Skeggs this morning expressed a desire that the cities of Albany and Decatur co-operate with the county and have the creek drained within the corporate limits of the two cities. The matter will be presented to the two city councils at the next meeting. Several big corporations will be asked also to assist in the work.

The present state of the creek was practically condemned by the medical society, which also acts as county board of health, as a nuisance. The commissioners agreed that the creek was a menace to the health of the cities as it became stagnant and served to spread malaria and kindred diseases. To prevent this the creek will probably be deepened and straightened so its current will run swiftly to the river.

Physicians Urge Improvement.
The letter suggesting the work and signed by Dr. Chenault is as follows:

The Morgan County Medical Society, acting in its capacity as a county board of health, respectfully recommends that the county of Morgan, the municipalities of Albany and Decatur, co-operating with each other, do something effective in the way of straightening Dry creek and making it carry off water along its route, which now is a menace to the public health.

We believe that the essentials of drainage can be effected at a reasonable expense to these cities and the county. It is respectfully recommended that you take the initiative in this matter, and the county board of health will do what it can to secure the co-operation of the municipalities affected.

Quick Action is Urged.
It is suggested that together with competent engineering, the health officers of the respective sections be consulted as to the efficacy of any proposed plan or plans. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of this work. We cannot see how the governing bodies of the cities and county can well afford to neglect or delay this work. If there is any doubt in your minds as to the advisability of undertaking this work at this time, I hope you will set a hearing for this matter and allow the board of health, its officers or members, or the health officers to discuss it with you. The cities are also advised as to the resolution by the county board of health recommending this work.

By letter I am instructed to make known to you the substance of the resolution passed by the county board of health.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEALS HEARD TONIGHT

All members of Hermione Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., are requested to be present at tonight's meeting to hear Mayer W. Aldridge, grand keeper of records and seals.

FALKVILLE BOY TOOK \$500 FROM STORE OF FATHER, IS CLAIM

CHARGE WITHDRAWN BUT D. O. SIMPSON TOOK AUTO, THE POLICE SAY.

Local police were informed yesterday of the arrest in Nashville of D. O. Simpson and two boys from Falkville. The Nashville Tennessean and American today prints the following account of the arrests:

Frederick on one charge of grand larceny in connection with the theft of \$500 from Howard's merchandise store at Decatur, Ala., D. O. Simpson, a salesman, arrested Wednesday night by Sergeant Walter Reece and Patrolman Stephens, Davis, Foster and Vaughn, became further entangled in the tolls of the law when investigations by the local detectives connected him with larceny of an automobile, recently stolen in this city. Simpson admitted stealing a Ford automobile belonging to Tom Miller, while parked on Fifth avenue near Church street several days ago.

Simpson was in company with Ransom Byers, a young farmer, and Howard Byers, a 14-year-old boy, son of the prosecutor, when they were arrested in a lower Broadway restaurant shortly before midnight Wednesday. When taken to police headquarters, the three carried a large sum of money, alleged to have been stolen from the Decatur merchant Tuesday night. More than \$45 was taken from the prisoners.

Soon after being locked up at the station house the Howard boy took all blame for the theft of the money and confessed that he divided the \$500 with Simpson and Byers before leaving Decatur Tuesday night. The money was held by the police until yesterday when the Howard boy's father reached Nashville.

Sons are Released.
Mr. Howard replenished the money held by the police. The three prisoners were later arraigned before the magistrate and confessed that the money belonged to the Decatur merchant. After receiving the money, Mr. Howard withdrew the charges against his son and the other two prisoners, stating that he did not care to prosecute them. The police then released Byers and the boy, but are holding Simpson on a charge of stealing an automobile.

Simpson confessed to stealing the car, the police say, and is ready to stand trial. The car was stolen last Saturday night from Fifth avenue near Church street. Simpson told the police that he was in need of money and drove the machine to Decatur the following day. After changing the numbers on the car, and securing the money from the Howard boy, he says he drove the machine back to Nashville and parked it in the Giles automobile repair shop on Seventh avenue, north, Wednesday afternoon.

Since being in Nashville, and shortly before his arrest, Simpson offered the machine for sale, but was unable to dispose of it. Mr. Giles, owner of the shop where the car was parked, stated that Simpson offered to sell him the machine for \$200.

Detectives discovered that the machine was the property of Mr. Miller. Chief Robert Sidebottom and Detectives McCarver and Murray worked the case up and placed the additional charge against Simpson. Simpson made a clean breast when examined by the detectives. He will be arraigned in the city court this afternoon to answer the charges before Judge Madison Wells.

How Baltimore Solves Shop Early Problem

The merchants of Baltimore, Maryland, have solved the shop early problem with a vengeance, according to T. A. Bowles, of the Central National Bank, who recently visited the eastern metropolis.

"All the large retail stores that do a credit business advertised that all Christmas purchases made prior to December 10 would be charged to the account of the customer as due on February 1," said Mr. Bowles. "The result was electrical. Every store was crowded. It was impossible to get into some of them, and long lines waited patiently for their turn. The elevators couldn't handle the traffic at one big store, and there were several of them."

ROUMANIAN ARMY'S FLIGHT CONTINUES MANY ARE CAPTURED SAY THE GERMANS

GERMANS CLAIM THEY TOOK 8,000 ALLIED PRISONERS DURING YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING.

BULGARS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

ATTACKS MADE BY RUSSIANS ALONG CARPATHIAN FRONT ARE ALL REPULSED.

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Dec. 8.—All the way across Roumania from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube the flight of the Roumanian army continues, while the pursuit by the German allies keeps up, the war office announced today.
Ten thousand more Russian and Roumanian prisoners were captured yesterday by the ninth army. Earlier in the day the war office had announced the capture of 8,000 prisoners and 26 guns by the German allies on Dec. 6. More attacks were made by the Russians along the Carpathian front yesterday, but all were repulsed.

GERMAN ALLIES ADVANCE ALL ALONG ROUMANIAN LINE.
(International News Service.)
Berlin, Dec. 8.—Uring Bucharest as a base, the German allies in Roumania are advancing over a wide front, while the Russo-Roumanian forces fall back toward the Moldavian mountains.
One column of Von Mackensen's troops is striking eastward from Tloeshti in the direction of Mislui and Duzeu, while another is pressing towards Feteshti on the Bucharest-Cernovoda-Constanza railroad.

GREECE TO ENTER WAR ON SIDE CENTRAL POWERS
(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 8.—Evidence that the allies fear Greece is preparing to join the war on the side of Germany is contained in the developments of the last 24 hours. A blockade of Greek ports has been proclaimed.
Dispatches from Athens say that there is much unrest there, and that disorders again are threatened.
Members of the British, French, Russian and Italian colonies are leaving the city. There is considerable activity among the Greek military authorities.

EIGHT THOUSAND MORE ROUMANIANS CAPTURED
(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The capture of 8,000 Roumanian prisoners and 26 guns on the Alt river was reported today by the German war office. These captures were made on Wednesday, the day Bucharest fell.

AEROPLANES BOMBARD TRIESTE
(International News Service.)
Rome, Dec. 8.—Trieste has been bombarded by Italian aeroplanes, the admiralty announced today.

Louisiana Cyclone Kills One Child

(International News Service.)
New Orleans, Dec. 8.—One child was killed, two men injured and heavy property damage done by a tornado that struck Atlanta, La., and surrounding country. Several business houses, three churches and twenty dwellings were laid in ruin.

Alabama Militia May Soon Return

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—More militia units on the border have been ordered to return to their home stations. The order was sent to Adj. Gen. McCain and leaves designations of the retirements to Gen. Funston.

America's Electrical Week Ends Saturday

"America's Electrical Week," observed throughout the United States and featured by the lighting of the statue of the Goddess of Liberty with electricity, closes Saturday night.

Manager Beauchamp, of the local offices of the Alabama Power Company, announces today that the splendid offer made by his company for electrical wiring closes tomorrow night, and urges residents of Albany and Decatur to take advantage of the best offer that will be made for a long time to come.

Old Fiddler's Contest; Bowling Alley Opens

For tonight the Railroad Y. M. C. A. is offering a big bill. An old fiddler's contest will be staged at 8 o'clock, to which the public is invited as the guests of the association, and this will be followed by the formal re-opening of the bowling alleys.

Bowling is expected to become the ruling sport in the Twin Cities during the winter months. The alleys will be open to both men and women.

LLOYD GEORGE TO ANNOUNCE CABINET ON NEXT TUESDAY

Premier, Lord Derby, Andrew Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson, Arthur Henderson to Constitute War Council

JOFFRE TO BE REPLACED, IS INDICATED

Vote of Confidence By French Chamber Thought to Mean Retirement of Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 8.—Premier Lloyd George is expected to announce the make-up of the cabinet in the house of commons on Tuesday.

With characteristic energy, the new premier has set about not only to weld together a powerful organization but to affect agreements with various political factions that will insure a working majority in commons.
Speculation over the personnel of the new government is predominant.

It is generally accepted that the war council will be reduced to five members and they will be: Premier Lloyd George, Lord Derby, Andrew Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson and Arthur Henderson.

JOFFRE SLATED TO GO; NEVILLE MAY SUCCEED.
(International News Service.)

Paris, Dec. 8.—A complete shake-up of the French general staff and the probable retirement of Gen. Joffre were forecasted by the vote of confidence in the government passed by the chamber of deputies last night.
The language of the vote indicated that Premier Briand already had suggested certain changes to the chamber during its secret session, and that they were approved. For several days there have been rumors that Gen. Joffre would be succeeded by Gen. Robt. Neville or Gen. Petain.

OFFERED AN EARLDOM, MR. ASQUITH REFUSES
(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 8.—King George has offered an earldom in the order of the Garter to former Premier Asquith according to the Chronicle. It is understood Mr. Asquith declined to accept.

LIBERAL PARTY WILL SUPPORT NEW CABINET

London, Dec. 8.—The Liberal party today adopted a resolution to give its support to the new cabinet in the prosecution of the war. At the same time the Liberals voted their confidence in former Premier Asquith who was in power for eight years.

November Marriages Almost Double 1915

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A remarkable increase in marriage licenses for November was noted in Morgan county. Last month the prolate office issued 61 licenses, while only 38 were issued for November, 1915, and 37 for November, 1914.

The records show the following:

	1916	1915	1914
White licenses	33	26	26
Colored licenses	28	12	11
Totals	61	38	37

LABOR WILL FIGHT ARBITRATION PLAN

BROTHERHOODS AND AMERICAN FEDERATION OPPOSE COMPULSORY FEATURE.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—With committees of the house and senate beginning preliminary work on President Wilson's program of railroad legislation, lines were begun today for a bitter fight by organized labor against the president's proposal for suspending strikes pending investigation.

Representatives of the labor group on the democratic side of the house, headed by Representatives Keating of Colorado, and Lewis of Maryland, declare they will refuse flatly to vote with the party if the "compulsory investigation" plan is made a part of the program.

PROBE OF SLUSH FUND IS HALTED; A DEAL IS CHARGED

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—Failure of Senator Owen of Oklahoma to introduce his resolution to probe the reported \$10,000,000 republican campaign fund started a move among his democratic colleagues today to depose him from leadership in the proposed investigation of the expenditures of the last campaign.

Along with this move, however, came strong indications that the threatened investigation would be dropped.

Senator Owen explained that he was simply withholding introduction of the resolution "for the time being," but there was a growing belief he never intended to push the investigation.

Reports are current that Senator Owen's hesitation about offering the resolution was a trade for support of his corrupt practices bill with republican senators.

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A NATIONAL CORRUPT PRACTICE ACT NEEDED.

The demand for a national corrupt practice act now being heard over the nation comes from the people themselves and not from the politicians. It is a reform that the people have been demanding for many years.

Undoubtedly the calls for the new law on the subject of elections was inspired largely by the scenes enacted during the last national campaign. In that campaign Mr. Hughes' managers representing large moneyed interests of the east tried as best they could to sway the trend of opinion in their direction. They used money in hitherto unheard of quantities during the last few days of the race in several of the larger states. In New York the republicans undoubtedly used large sums. In New Jersey, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Minnesota and other doubtful states they must have dumped Wall street's gold. In Ohio, a state given up to the democrats early in the campaign but fought for with money in the last week of the race, the Daily has been informed by local republicans that three million dollars was used by the republicans.

With these examples fresh in the minds of the country it is small wonder that there is a demand now for a corrupt practice act that will make unlawful lavish use of money in campaigns; the use of money in bribing to make the odds appear what they are not and other such practices.

The Alabama corrupt practice act is, upon the whole, a good law. The national lawmakers might pattern much of the national law upon the Alabama law. But no matter what kind of a law it is, let us have a national corrupt practice law. It is a reform that is demanded by the country as a whole. The people want it.

Federal control of railroads, as Mr. Bryan suggests, would put every main line and every jerkwater road in the entire country into politics. Federal operation would be better than federal supervision.

The Kaiser hasn't announced where he expects to take Christmas dinner this year. Nor has the king of Roumania.

That supreme optimist, the man in love, still believes that two can live cheaper than one. Otherwise, why this matrimonial epidemic in the face of the high cost of living?

The leader of the anti-suffrage movement says that the woman who doesn't want to vote is in the majority. Hush! Don't let Mr. Bryan find it out.

Republican politicians gloat over the fact that there are but 52 electoral votes in the solid west.

Continued spread of prohibition suggests that the water wagon is the band wagon.

Mr. Bryan is to be congratulated upon his stand for equal rights for women. And why not superior lefts?

The egg trust is suspected of having hatched up the present scheme to make the public shell out.

It wasn't Mrs. Hughes' mother who lowered him to be a lawyer.

And at last we know why Mr. Roosevelt makes his home at Oyster Bay.

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Nine Cases Tried By Law and Equity Court

Number of Small Actions Disposed of Yesterday.

The Morgan county law and equity court yesterday disposed of the following cases:

A. C. Lockhart, vagrancy, pleads guilty; fined one cent.

A. C. Lockhart, gaming, pleads guilty; fined \$20; upon recommendation of Solicitor Hutson, fine is remitted.

Malicia Moseley, selling whiskey, pleads guilty; fined \$50; upon recommendation of Solicitor Hutson, fine is remitted; court imposes as sentence three months confinement in county jail; sentence suspended and continued.

Malicia Moseley, selling whiskey, continued.

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Andrew Babbler, vagrancy, plea of former conviction sustained.

Haywood Roberts, failing to dip cattle, nolle prossed.

Charlie Smallwood, disturbing public worship; nolle prossed.

John Holmes, public drunkenness; pleads guilty, fined \$5.

Seduction Trial Begun.

After the trial of these cases the court began the trial of a seduction case which was conducted behind closed doors because of the sensational features involved. This case was argued this morning and the jury began its deliberations shortly before 11 o'clock, and a verdict was expected by this afternoon.

District Convention of Sunday Schools

The district Sunday School convention will be held at Austinville Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, December 10, according to an announcement today of M. D. Morgan, president of District No. 1.

The following program has been arranged:

2:00—Devotional.

2:10—Home Department—C. L. Peck.

2:30—Why Organize the Teen Age Boys and Girls—J. F. Lovin.

2:50—The Organized Adult Bible Class—A. G. Patterson.

3:20—Marking Up District Chart, by president.

3:30—Adjourn.

ATHENS COLLEGE NOTES.

The past week has been a full one at Athens college. Thanksgiving was a day of many pleasures for the college family. At 9:30 in the morning there was a game of basket ball played between a team from the Academy and one from the College. This was very closely contested and played in true sportsmanly style—brisk, clean and hard-fought, ending in a victory for the college team with a score of 8 to 3. There was a large crowd out from town and from the other two schools and their visitors, and all were actively in sympathy with one or the other team. The college line-up was: Misses Hodges, Griffith and Mary Emma Pearson, as forwards; Misses Sloan, Miriam Pearson and Thornberg, guards; Miss Borders, jumping center, and Miss Tillman, running center. For the Academy were Misses Gilliland, Eunice Cochran and Dunnebie, forwards; Misses Minge, Murray and Cross, guards; Miss Jones, jumping center, and Miss Duke, running center.

After lunch all who cared to were allowed to attend the football game between the Agricultural schools of Athens and Blountsville.

At dinner in the evening, the school assembled in the recreation hall and passed into the dining room singing "America," led by the victorious team, who had a table prettily decorated in their colors—red and white—and presided over by the coach. A very elaborate dinner was served, and much enjoyed by one and all, and were made glad by the return of old girls. Among the old students were Misses Sherrard, Baker, Davenport and Chitwood.

Miss Bush, of Bessemer, visited her friend, Miss Thornberg, and Miss Emma Moore was a guest of her sister, Miss Ruth Moore.

Mrs. Glasgow was "At Home" in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson and daughter, Miss Hortense, on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. It was a very delightful tea, and was enjoyed by the ladies of the faculty and many of the students, and a large number of ladies from town were invited to welcome these delightful people to the town and church here. Miss Brucker presided over the table and delightful refreshments were passed by several students.

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THOUGHT.

What are we set on earth for? Say,
to toil;
Nor seek to leave thy tending of the
vines
For all the heart o' day, till it de-
clines,
And death's mind curfew shall from
work assail,
God did anoint thee with His odor-
ous oil,
To wrestle, not to reign . . .
So others shall
Take patience, labor, to their heart
and hand,
From thy hand, and thy heart, and
thy brave hand,
From thy hand, and thy heart, and
thy brave cheer.

—E. B. Browning.

MRS. BURR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED.

The pretty custom of class enter-
tainment has been adopted by Mrs.
Seneca Burr's class of the Central
Baptist church. On last evening Miss
Emma Raney was hostess. The young
ladies brought their domestic art
bags and over pretty Christmas ar-
ticles, lots of sweet confidences were
exchanged, since one of their num-
ber will be married within a week.
They have planned a nice shower for
her for next Tuesday evening at the
church parlor. During the evening
they enjoyed games, music, readings
and later delicious refreshments were
served.

DINNER FOR MRS. KNIGHT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham
will entertain this evening with a
dinner for Mrs. Thos. Knight. The
table is to be centered by a floral
basket of greens and pink cat-
tations and tiny baskets of the same
scheme-color will mark the places at
table, where covers will be laid for
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Skeggs, Mrs.
Thomas Knight, Dr. Frank Petty, Mr.
and Mrs. J. H. Calvin, Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Cunningham.

A pretty affair of Thursday after-
noon was the sewing party given by
Mrs. J. I. Chrissinger in compli-
ment to Mrs. Jno. Lewis, of Indiana-
polis. A delightful afternoon was
spent. Late, light refreshments were
served. Mrs. B. B. Pickens assisting
the hostess. Those enjoying this
function were Mesdames J. W. Cun-
ningham, Elizabeth Jackson, B. B.
Pickens, E. H. Allison, R. L. Crut-
ter, R. H. Wolcott, C. L. Odum, C. E.
Bodemer, Geo. Allen, E. C. Payne,
R. H. Allison, H. B. Beard, W. A.
Blubb, Jno. Lewis, W. R. Smith, O.
Kyle.

Mrs. H. B. Orr, of Little Rock, who
visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Petty
left this afternoon for Meulona and
Hillsboro to visit friends.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Friday.

Auction Bridge—
Social (8 p. m.)—Y. M. C. A.

Saturday.

SRK Stocking Club—

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. S. A.
Randle was hostess to the Teacher
training class. After the program
study, light refreshments were serv-
ed.

D. A. R.

Mrs. Joseph H. Calvin was hostess
Thursday afternoon to the D. A. R.,
when the following program was
given:

"Colonial Period"—Mrs. Hurst,
Reading—Mrs. Gill.
Mrs. Thos. Knight delighted the la-
dies with vocal selections.

Mrs. Roy C. Horton will spend the
Christmas holidays with her par-
ents at Marysville, Ohio.

Miss Kate Edmundson, after sev-
eral months' visit to Mr. and Mrs. W.
B. Edmundson, has gone to Birming-
ham and South Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Reams were called
to Nashville today by the death of
Mr. Reams' brother there.

Next week Mrs. W. E. Todd will
leave for Montgomery, where she will
meet her daughter, Mrs. Tim Had-
mon, of Opelika, who will accompany
her home for the holidays.

Miss Leone Rothfuss has returned
from a visit to Birmingham.

HARTSELLE PERSONALS.

(From the Hartselle Enterprise.)

J. L. Echols, of Decatur, was here
Tuesday. O. C. Lake was in Decatur
and Albany on business this week.
Miss Glenn Garrison, of Albany, is
the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet
Thomas. Mrs. Arthur Stephenson
was the guest in Albany Saturday of
her sister, Mrs. R. M. McGlathery. J.
H. Francis, of Albany, route 2, was
in Hartselle Thursday. Mrs. J. R.
Howell and daughter, Miss Lucile,
were the guests of friends in Albany
Saturday. Rev. G. W. Roberts, of
Hartselle, was in Decatur last week.

Business or professional cards,
printed or engraved. The Daily.

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No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially
for **MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER**.
Five or six doses will break any case, and
if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not
return. It acts on the liver better than
Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

Have you looked around yet
for a suit? Well you finally
drift in here, we'll gladly show
you.

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BUTTREY'S

THE HOME OF FROLASET CORSET

Shop early at the Home of
Truthful Advertising. We pay
you to shop here.

Christmas Shopping Begins In Real Earnest

Can't you smell Christmas in the air? It's coming. Get ready, don't wait and get in the mad
rush, and get half of what you want. Shop early in the day, early in the week, and in
December, at this, the best prepared store in Northern Alabama

Great Clearing Sale of all Ready-to-Wear,
Lasts Until Dec. 23rd.

Regardless of cost or former selling price we
are moving our ready-to-wear, consisting of
Suits, Coats, Furs, Skirts, Dresses and Millinery.
We quote only a few below to hasten early
choosing tomorrow and until December 23rd:

\$40.00 Suits for \$24.50	\$30.00 Suits for \$24.50	\$25.00 Suits for \$16.98
\$10.00 Coats for \$5.98	\$15.00 Coats for \$9.50	\$6.00 Fine Hats for \$3.50

Xmas Hosiery

One and two pair in fancy boxes,
black, white and fancy patterns.
Special per pair.....**\$1.25**

Men's Ties

Wide, open ends, new patterns,
four-in-hand, all silk. \$1 values
for **50c**

New Bags—All new shapes and
leathers including pin seal, tapir-
lamb etc., prices \$1 to.....**\$3.50**

Dolls at Your Own Price

Made in Germany, sleeping dolls,
fully dressed. Special 50c to **\$2**

Give Gold Handle Umbrellas

Ours are \$10.00 Values on sale at
\$5.98 Special.

Chepe de Chine Hd'ks.

All colors, daintly embroidered,
in colors, some have a crocheted
edge. Special 25c, 35c and 50c ea.

Men's Initial Hd'ks.

In boxes, 6 in a box new style
embroidery. All pure linen.
Special per box**\$1.98**

Kid Gloves

Make your selection early for the
supply is limited. Special per
pair**\$2.00**

Why Not a Waist?

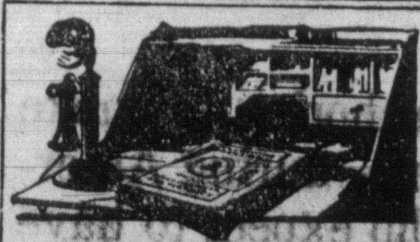
of Georgette Crepe or Crepe de
Chine. We have the new ones
in and they are very pretty.
Prices ranging \$3.50 to \$6.50.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nelson to Commercial Congress

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Nelson have
been commissioned by Gov. Hend-
erson as delegates to the eighth annual
convention of the Southern Com-
mercial congress, to be held at Nor-
folk, Va., Dec. 11 to 14. They will
attend as they have attended all pre-
vious sessions for the past seven
years. Mrs. Nelson suggested the
woman's auxiliary, which meets this
year for the first time with the con-
vention.

Mrs. Mary E. Schnell Dies at Hartselle

Hartselle, Ala., Dec. 8.—(Special).—
Mrs. Mary E. Schnell, one of the
pioneer and most highly respected
citizens of Hartselle died yesterday
at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S.
J. Wright, after a lingering illness.
Together with her husband, Adam
Schnell, they came to Hartselle when
the town was in its very infancy, and
have been identified with its growth
in schools, churches and civic im-
provements. She reared a large fam-
ily and is survived by six daughters
and one son: J. E. Schnell, of Hart-
selle; Mrs. W. A. Dawson, Mrs. J. W.
Lindsey, Mrs. Lydia Graham, Mrs. S.
J. Wright and Mrs. C. H. Seiberts, all
of Hartselle; Mrs. J. E. Dutton, of
Holdenville, Okla., and Mrs. Robt.
Jones, of Reform, Ala. The funeral
was held at the Methodist church this
afternoon, after which the body was
laid to rest in the city cemetery.



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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County.

Probate Court, Dec. 8, 1916.

Estate of Harry W. Preston, Minor.

Notice is hereby given to all inter-
ested parties that Marvin West as
guardian of the estate of Harry W.
Preston, a minor, has filed his ac-
counts and vouchers for the final set-
tlement of his guardianship of said
estate and that the 1st day of Jan-
uary, 1917, has been set as the day
for hearing said settlement, at which
time you can appear and contest said
settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,
Judge of Probate

D 8-15-22

Application for Registration of Marks and Brands of Milk Bottles Belong- ing to Decatur Ice Cream Co., Inc.

I, J. W. Clopton, president of Deca-
tur Ice Cream Co., a corporation, lo-
cated at 703 Bank street, Decatur,
Ala., hereby make application to
Judge of Probate of Morgan county
for registration of Marks and Brands
on Milk Bottles described below, viz:

Glass bottles of one pint capacity
with letter "D" molded in side of
bottle.

Glass bottles of one pint capacity
with monogram containing letters
"D. I. C." molded in side of bottle.

Glass bottles of one pint capacity
with name, Decatur Ice Cream Co.,
Decatur, Ala., molded in side of bot-
tle.

Also bottles of one quart and one-
half pint capacity marked same as
pint bottles described above.

Witness our hands and seals this
6th day of December, 1917.

DECATUR ICE CREAM CO.
(Signed)—By J. W. CLOPTON,

President.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
MORGAN COUNTY.

I, Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of Probate
in and for said County, and said
State, hereby certify that J. W.
Clopton, president of Decatur Ice
Cream Co., whose name is signed to
the foregoing application, and who
is known to me acknowledged before
me, on this day, that being informed
of the contents of the foregoing ap-
plication, he executed the same vol-
untarily on the day the same bears
date.

Given under my hand, this 6th day
of December, 1916.D 8-15-22 WM. E. SKEGGS,
Judge of Probate.

For Better
Walls, Ceilings
and Partitions
Why repair, re-
finish, remodel or
build in the old way
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better results with
BEAVER BOARD
(the genuine) at the
same cost or less?
Get our estimate be-
fore going ahead with
any work.

E. C. PAYNE
LUMBER CO.

PERSONALS

Malcolm Smith, of New York, mo-
toring from New York to California,
spent Wednesday at the Wilder Place
with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edmundson.

Postmaster William E. Crawford,
who went to Washington Monday as
the Decatur delegate to the rivers
and harbors congress, is expected
home Sunday.

John Skeggs, son of Judge William
E. Skeggs, has returned to Los An-
geles, Cal., after a two weeks' visit to
relatives here.

Dr. H. T. Bracken returned Thurs-
day from Montgomery. He was ac-
companied from Birmingham by his
little grand-daughter, Lucette Rivers
Bracken.

Will Expose Cause of High Coal Cost

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—District At-
torney George W. Anderson, of Bos-
ton, the government's high cost of
living investigator, will confer with
President Wilson today or tomorrow
and will lay before him evidence of a
combine of minor railroad and coal
company officials to so manipulate
shipments as to cause car shortages.

He believes this is a major feature
of the alleged conspiracy to boost the
cost of coal.

Business or professional cards,
from The Daily.

Engraved Christmas cards are the
correct remembrance for friends. See
the handsome line at the Daily office.



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CHRISTMAS—yours
and the baby

WE HAVE WHAT
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To Buy Wisely Is To Buy Well

OUR Store is so invitingly full of
those things that will appeal to the
sense of beauty and to the sense of
appreciation that you cannot afford to
overlook the superior opportunities that
it offers for the selection of suitable
gifts.

If you will call we will take pleasure in
showing you through our stock.

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COMIC OPERA IN 3 ACTS

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All Seats Must Be Paid For When Reserved

SEAT SALE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Children's Coats

Cold weather is coming—are the children's coats sufficient to keep them warm and comfortable through the winter?

SPECIAL PRICES FOR SATURDAY—You can make quite a saving tomorrow by purchasing coat and hat at The Fashion.

VOTING CONTEST IS ON IN FULL SWING

List of nominated contestants will be published in Saturday's paper

Quality equal to last season. Price no more than last season sounds good — 'Tis our good fortune, soon after old "KRIS KRINGLE" had come and gone last year we began to plan for his coming again, our records showed our Handkerchief business could be more than doubled if we could get the right merchandise. WE GOT BUSY. Results of our efforts will show when you enter the Fashion Door. The first show case is brimming full of new crisp handkerchiefs, all bright pretty shades—Crepe De Chene, Pussy Willow Taffeta and Linens, Plain and Embroidered.

THE FASHION

O'Possum Invasion is Repelled By Negress; The Enemy Is Bagged

Albany and environs were saved from an o'possum invasion last night. No Molly Stark or Joan de Arc responded to the call for first aid. Nevertheless, there is a heroine in it, and her name is Daisy Holberk, negress. Shouldering her trusty breech loader, Daisy met the enemy on the ramparts, and after two well directed broadsides the marsupials, two in number, dropped dead at her feet. One of the little deceivers weighed 5½ pounds, while the other topped the scales at 11½ pounds. The battle was staged in the yard of the woman's home on Water street. With the aid of choice sweet potatoes Daisy Holberk expects to solve the high cost of living problem for several days to come.

Business firms and individuals should not neglect the holiday courtesies. Engraved Christmas cards, a handsome line, now on display at the Daily office. Order early.

WILLIAM WATSON SUCCEEDS CURRY

IS CHOSEN AUDITOR IN PLACE OF POWER COMPANY OFFICIAL WHO LEAVES SERVICE.

The appointment of William C. Watson to succeed Cape Curry as auditor of the local office of the Alabama Power Company was received today from the Birmingham office of the company. It was understood at the time of Mr. Curry's resignation to accept a position in North Carolina, that Mr. Watson would probably be promoted to his place.

The promotion of Mr. Watson will be of deep interest to his many friends. Mr. Watson has been with the company for several years. He is not only trained on office work, but has a technical electrical education. He is a son of Dr. Watson, who now lives at Pineapple, Ala., formerly a well-known local physician.

Toilet Waters And Perfumery

Our hobby. We carry the following lines: Mary Garden, Houbigants Ideal; Azuria, Floramye, Hudnuts, Lazells, LaValliers, D'Jer Kiss, Palmer's and many others as well. Let us show you these fine toilet waters, and perfumes in every size package to please everyone, in quality and price. In fact we carry everything for the toilet and bath.

We will appreciate a call from you at all times and solicit a liberal share of your patronage, when in need of anything in our line.

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Decatur Drug Co. Inc.

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We are something more than Bankers—something more than just a safe place to store your money—something more than a pass-book, check or vault.

We are a very human lot of individuals, and it is a matter of pride with us, that aside from the responsibilities we have developed in our business, we have always cultivated the friendship of those whom we serve.

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DECATUR, ALA.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE ONLY GIRL."

"The Only Girl," which ran for an entire season in New York, is to be the attraction at the Masonic theatre Wednesday, Dec. 13, under the management of Joe Weber. It is a musical comedy of a superior order with book and lyrics by Henry Blossom, music by Victor Herbert, and was produced under the stage direction of Fred G. Latham. Not in a long time has there been offered in the great city a musical play which provided such sane and wholesome amusement as did "The Only Girl," and the critics were unanimous in praising it to the sky. It was first produced at the Thirty-Ninth Street Theatre, but was later removed to the Lyric on account of the latter being a larger playhouse. In offering it to local playgoers, Manager Weber promises a first class production, a company which while there are no stars, he claims each member to be a star. There will be a chorus of pretty girls arrayed in expensive and gorgeous gowns and an augmented orchestra, members of which have been selected by the composer, Victor Herbert.

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